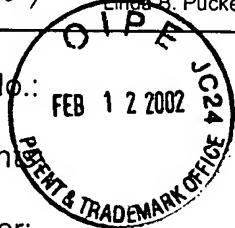


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In accordance with the duty of candor and good faith imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the Applicants call the references listed on the attached Substitute Form PTO-1449 (2 pages) to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application. A copy of each cited reference is enclosed.

The Applicants make no admission that the cited art represents the prior art or that the cited art is the most material art. Nonetheless, the Examiner is urged to consider the cited references and to make an independent decision with respect to the materiality thereof.

Applicants do not believe that any fees are due in connection with the submission since, to date, the first Office Action has not been received. However, if such fee is deemed due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

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